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HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1895.

甲午二十年初十日

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LONDON.—F. AGAR, 11 & 12, Clement's Lane, Lombard Street, E.C. GORDON STREET & Co., 30, Cornhill, GORDON & GOTH, Ludgate Circus, E.C. HENRY & CO., 37, Walbrook, E.C. SAMUEL DEACON & CO., 150 & 154, Leadenhall Street. W. M. WILKINSON, 151, Cannon Street, E.C. ROBERT WATSON, 130, Fleet Street.
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THE BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.
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CAPITAL PAID-UP, 251,033,150.

Bankers:
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Head Office:
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Branches:
BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

Agencies:
PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST
Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed
Deposits to be ascertained on application.
Every description of Banking and Exchange
business transacted.

CHANTRY INCHBALD,
Manager.
Hongkong, November 6, 1895. 247

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA,
AUSTRALIA, AND CHINA.
INCORPORATED BY ROYAL CHARTER 1853.
HEAD OFFICE, LONDON.

CAPITAL PAID-UP, £200,000
RESERVE LIABILITY OF SHARE-
HOLDERS, £200,000
RESERVE FUND, £25,000

INTEREST allowed on Current Account
at the rate of 2% per annum on the
Daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits for 12 months 5%
" " 6% " 4% " 3% " 8%
A. C. MARSHALL,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, May 17, 1894. 825

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI
BANKING CORPORATION.
PAID-UP CAPITAL, \$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND, \$4,500,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OF
PROPRIETORS, \$10,000,000.

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For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " 5 " 5 "
" 12 " 5 " " 3 " 8 "

T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, December 21, 1894. 332

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF
INDIA, LIMITED.
AUTHORISED CAPITAL, £1,500,000.
SUBSCRIBED, £1,125,000.
PAID-UP, £62,500.

Bankers:
LONDON JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at
the rate of 2% per annum on the Daily
Balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:
For 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.
" 6 " 4 " " 5 " 5 "
" 12 " 5 " " 3 " 8 "

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.
Hongkong, June 18, 1893. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE business of the above Bank is con-
ducted by the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORA-
TION. Rules may be obtained on ap-
plication.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at
3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors
may transfer at their option balances of
\$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND
SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on
FIXED DEPOSIT at 5 PER CENT. per
annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai
Banking Corporation,
T. JACKSON,
Chief Manager.
Hongkong, May 10, 1895. 1015

Intimations.

VICTORIA ENGLISH SCHOOLS,
CRAIGGOWAN, CAINE ROAD.

THE above SCHOOLS will be RE-OPENED
for the NEW TERM on MONDAY,
7th Instant, at 9 a.m.
For Terms and Prospectus, apply to
THE HEADMASTER,
Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 24

KIUNGCHOW DISTRICT.

LEGAL NOTICE TO MARINERS,
No. 5.

CAPE CAMI LIGHT.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Lighthouse
at Cape Cami was exhibited for the
first time at sunset on the 1st January.
The illuminating Apparatus is Revolving
Dioptric of the Fourth Order, showing
double white flashes at intervals of half a
minute.

The Lighthouse stands about 83 yards
north of high-water mark on the southern-
most point of the islet marked on the charts
as Cape Cami; and the Light, which is ele-
vated 67 feet above the level of the sea,
should be visible in clear weather at a dis-
tance of 13½ nautical miles in all directions
where it is not obscured by land.

The Tower is an iron screw-pile struc-
ture, 65 feet high, with a total height from
its base to the lantern vane of 67½ feet.
The Tower and Dwellings are painted
white.

Approximate position:
Latitude ... 20° 13' 20" N.
Longitude ... 109° 55' 5" E.

CAUTION.

On account of the outlying reefs about
Cape Cami, vessels are recommended not to
round it at any less distance than two
miles from the Lighthouse.

The Tower and Dwellings are painted
white.

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office,
Hongkong, January 4, 1895

Business Notices.

W. POWELL & Co.

LAMPS! LAMPS! LAMPS!
LAMP SHADES.
LAMP SUNDRIES.

W. POWELL & Co.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 34

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Uniformed PORTS on the DATES
named:

FOR STEAMSHIP. DATE. REMARKS.
KOBE & YAMADA, Asam Daylight, 9th Jan. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI AND KOBE Ceylon About 12th January ... Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI Rosita About 14th January ... Freight or Passage.

LONDON, &c. PEKIN Noon, 17th January ... See Special Advertisement.

JAPAN Ancona Noon, 18th January ... Freight or Passage.

LONDON via MARSEILLE, Formosa About 22nd January ... Freight or Passage.

For further Particulars, apply to

H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.
H. RUTTONJEE.

BROWN'S
FOUR CROWN WHISKY,
THE ALCHEMY OF PERFECTION.

THE wide-spread popularity attained, and the results achieved, encourage me in
confidently recommending the above Brand of Whisky to the Public.

Price, ... \$10.00 per dozen.

LESS 4% FOR CASH.

H. RUTTONJEE, 13, L'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, January 4, 1895. 28

NOTICES OF FIRMS.

NOTICE.

THE authority given to Mr. C. FLO-
THOW to Sign our Firm for pro-
curement is WITHDRAWN from this date.

SIEMSEN & Co.

Hongkong, December 31, 1894. 2142

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP, hitherto exist-
ing between the Undersigned, under
the Firm of COHEN and GEORG, has
Consent.

CHS. C. COHEN,
ERICH GEORG.

Hongkong, December 31, 1894. 2143

NOTICE.

I HAVE This Day ESTABLISHED MYSELF
under my own Name, as SHARE and
GENERAL BROKER.

ERICH GEORG.

Telegraphic Address: GEORGIEK,
A. B. C. Code, 4th edition.

Hongkong, January 1, 1895. 1

NOTICE.

FROM This Day I shall Continue Busi-
ness as SHARE and GENERAL
BROKER in my own Name.

CHARLES C. COHEN,
Telegraphic Address: COHENIE.

Hongkong, January 1, 1895. 2

NOTICE.

W. M. MACBEAN,
Local Manager.

HONGKONG BRANCH,
Connaught House,
Queen's Road Central.

IRON BRIDGES, WARDROBES with
BEVELLED GLASS DOORS, BUREAU with
GLASS DRAWERS, TABLES and MARBLE-TOP WASH-

TOPS, OFFICE DESKS, WAITING TABLES, COPY-
ING PRESS.

1 JINRICKSHA,
&c., &c., &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—As customary.

J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.

Hongkong, January 3, 1895. 20

NOTICE.

TO LET.

LARGE COAL GODOWN, 23, PRAYA
GODDOWN, 74, PRAYA EAST,
IDLEWILD, SETTOMORE ROAD.

Apply to LINSTEAD & DAVIS.

Hongkong, January 4, 1895. 31

NOTICE.

YODOWNS in WANCHAI, at the back
of MCGREGOR'S BARRACKS,

OFFICES TO LET.

1ST FLOOR adjoining the Undersigned
OFFICES in ICE HOUSE STREET, suitable for
BROKERS and MERCHANTS.

Apply to DAVID SASOON, SONS & CO.

Hongkong, December 7, 1894. 329

NOTICE.

TO LET.

WELLING HOUSES—
BANGOUR, MOUNT KILLET,
(Furnished).

DUNHEWY, ROBINSON ROAD,
(Furnished).

HIGHGATE, at MAGAZINE GAP,
No. 2, CASTLE TERRACE,

FLOORS in BLUE BUILDINGS,

FLOORS in ELGIN STREET, PHIL-
IPSTREE and STATION STREET,

FLOORS in No. 5, SHILLING
STREET.

GODOWNS—
BLUE BUILDINGS.

No. 74, PRAYA CENTRAL.

Apply to THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
MENT & AGENCY CO., LTD.

Hongkong, December 13, 1894. 18

NOTICE.

TO LET.

HOUSE, No. 22, CAINE ROAD.

Apply to M. MOURENTE,

No. 5, Arbutus Road.

Hongkong, December 20, 1894. 2072

NOTICE.

TO LET.

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Entertainments.

D'ARC'S BIJOU THEATRE
(NEW RECLAMATION).

COSY—COMFORTABLE.

LIGHTED ENTIRELY BY
ELECTRICITY.ENTHUSIASTIC SUCCESS
OF
D'ARC'S PANTOMMES,
(MARIONETTES),
EVERY EVENING, at 9 p.m.

PRICES AS USUAL.

Non-Commissioned Officers and Men of
H. M. Army and Navy half-price to Fit
and Gallery.

Plans at KELLY & WALSH'S.

Misses E. N. & M. D'ARC, Sole Proprietors
W. D'ARC, Stage Manager.
E. O. CLUTHEROW, General Manager.
Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 25

To-day's Advertisements.

A POSITIVE NOVELTY
AN ENTERTAINMENT WITH A QUICK PUAN
AND A HIGH TEMPERATURE.GRAND OPENING NIGHT,
THURSDAY,
10th January, 1895.AT THE
THEATRE ROYAL,
CITY HALL.

HICK'S ORIOLES.

ALL GREAT ARTISTS.

An Array of Talent that has never been
equalled in Hongkong.MAUD DICKSON. EMILE GRIBAUD.
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NELLINE WATSON. PHIL. MACK.
VIOLET BRANDON. FRANK BURT.
PARDO SISTERS. W. ROBINSON.
ANNIE BURT. CHARLES ROBERTS.

MERVEN SISTERS.

IT IS A DREAM OF SPLENDOUR.

A PARAGON OF NOVELTIES.

Presented by a Strong Comedy Ensemble.

A COMPANY COMPLETE
IN EVERY DETAIL.BOX OFFICE Open THURSDAY, 9 a.m.
for Sale of Seats at KELLY & WALSH'S, Ltd.Dress Circle and Stalls. \$2
Admission. \$1CHAS. B. HICKS,
Manager.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 40

SHIRE LINE OF STEAMERS.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.S. S. MONMOUTHSHIRE,
FROM HAMBURG, ANTWERP,
LONDON AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo are hereby informed that all Goods are being landed in the Godowns of the HONKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 5th January, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 4th January, at 3 o'clock p.m.

No Fire Insurance has been effected, and any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 5th January will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, December 31, 1894. 2137.

HONGKONG VOLUNTEER CORPS.

ORDERS FOR THE WEEK ENDING 12th
JANUARY, 1895.

FIELD BATTERY.

No. 180.—For Duty, Lieut. MACHELL

and Sergeant Brown.

No. 181.—DRILLS—TUESDAY, 6.30

p.m., 60 Pr. and Company, Uniform,

Serge and Cap. FRIDAY, 5.0 p.m., 64

Pr. and Company, Uniform; Sarge and

Sergeant, 1.00 a.m., 64 Pr. Drill.

No. 182.—GENERAL—AMBULANCE

CLASS on WEDNESDAY, at 6.45 p.m.

No. 183.—GENERAL—All Old CLOTHING

in Possession of Members should be

returned to Head Quarters without delay.

By Order,

C. G. TAYLOR,
Lieut. R.A.
Adjutant, H.K.V.C.HEAD QUARTERS,
Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 37

SCRAPING AND PAINTING

H. M. SHIPS.

SEALED TENDERS will be Received
by the Naval Storekeeper, H. M. Naval
Yard, until Noon, on WEDNESDAY,
the 9th Instant, for SCRAPPING
and PAINTING, H. M. Ships ARCHER
and PEACOCK, as per Specifications in
Office.Forms of Tender can be obtained on
application.The right to accept the lowest or any
Tender is reserved.H. M. NAVAL YARD,
Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 41STAINFIELD'S PRIVATE HOTEL,
3 DUDDELL STREET.COMFORTABLY FURNISHED ROOMS,
with every convenience.

Accommodation for Table Boarders.

Particulars, Address,

Mrs. STAINFIELD,
Proprietress.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 38

THE COMPANY'S STEAMERS WILL CALL
AT SOUTHAMPTON TO LAND PASSENGERS
AND LUGGAGE.N.B.—Bills can be taken on through Bills
of Lading for the principal places in
RUSSIA.ON THURSDAY, the 10th day of January,
1895, at 3 p.m., the Company's
Steamer GERA, Captain B. BLANKE,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPECIE,
and CARGO, will leave this port as above,
calling at NAPLES and GENOA.Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon, on TUESDAY, the 8th January,
Cargo and Specie will be received on
board until Noon, on WEDNESDAY, the 9th
January, and Parcels will be received (at
the Agency's Office) until Noon, on WEDNESDAY,
the 9th January. Contents of Packages
are required. No Parcel Receipts will be
signed at less than \$2, and Parcels should
not exceed Two Feet Cubic in measurement.The Steamer has splendid Accommodation
and carries a Doctor and Stewards.

Linen can be washed on board.

For further Particulars, apply to
MELCHERS & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 2048

JUST LANDED.

A NOETHER Consignment of PUAN and
BUTTER from LUCKNOW, completely exempt from other ingredients.Highly recommended by the gentry all
over India.

Price—65 Cents for Cash.

H. RUTTONEE,
13, D'Aguilar Street.

Hongkong, January 5, 1895. 39

Jessels Advertised as Loa line.

Destination.	Vessels	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
Bremen & Ports of Cal.	Gera (s.)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Jan. 10, at 3 p.m.
Japan	Ancona (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 10, at noon.
Kobé	Taiyuan (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	January 9.
Kobe and Yokohama	Assau (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Jan. 9, daylight.
London	Palinurus (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	January 9.
London & Ports of Cal.	Glenfruin (s.)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	about Jan. 16.
London & Ports of Cal.	Pukin (s.)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	about Jan. 22.
Marseille	Formosa (s.)	Messageries Maritimes	Jan. 9, at noon.
Shanghai	Salazie (s.)	Dowdell, Carrill & Co.	January 7.
New York, Suez Canal	Angerton (s.)	Butterfield & Swire	Jan. 9, at 3 p.m.
Port Darwin, &c.	Changsha (s.)	O. & O. S. C.	Jan. 9, daylight.
Portofino, &c.	Oceanic (s.)	Pacific Mail S. S. Co.	quiet despatch.
Porto	City of Rio de Janeiro	Shaw & Co.	
San Francisco	Sierra Miranda	Batfield & Swire	Jan. 9, at 3 p.m.
Sandakan and Kudat	Monsoon (s.)	Siemens & Co.	Aug. 14.
Shanghai	Poyang (s.)	Siemens & Co.	Aug. 14.
Shanghai	Teh (s.)	Siemens & Co.	Aug. 14.
Shanghai and Kowloon	Rotetta (s.)	Siemens & Co.	Aug. 14.
Shanghai, Yunnan & Hainan	Ceylon (s.)	Siemens & Co.	Aug. 14.
Singapore, &c.	Tenasserim (s.)	Dowdell, Carrill & Co.	Aug. 14.
Singapore, &c.	Kriemhild (s.)	D. Sasseen, Sons & Co.	Aug. 14.
Swatow, Amoy & Fuchow	Lightning (s.)	D. Sasseen, Sons & Co.	Aug. 14.
Swatow, Amoy & Tau	Haitan (s.)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug. 14.
Taikoo, &c.	Kormos (s.)	Douglas Lapraik & Co.	Aug. 14.
Taikoo, &c.	Marquis Bacquevin (s.)	Sander & Co.	Aug. 14.
Taikoo, &c.	Empress of China (s.)	Canadian Pacific R. Co.	Aug. 14.
Taikoo, &c.	Victoria (s.)	Victoria (s.)	Aug. 14.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.
Shipping.

Daylight—Haitan leaves for Coast Ports.

MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.
Shipping.

Angerton leaves for New York.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—D'Arc's Fanteches Francaise

(Marionettes), on the New Playa Re-

clamation.

Miscellaneous.

9 a.m.—Re-opening of Victoria English

Schools.

Goods per Lightning undelivered after

Noon landed.

Goods per Lawang undelivered after this

date subject to rent.

General Memoranda.

TUESDAY, January 5:

2.30 p.m.—Auction of Sundry House

hold Furniture, &c., at Mr. J. M.

Armstrong's.

WEDNESDAY, January 9:

Goods per Monmouthshire undelivered

after this date subject to rent.

THURSDAY, January 10:

9 p.m.—Performance at the City Hall.

MONDAY, January 14:

9 a.m.—Meeting of Shareholders of The

Punjum Mining Co., Ltd., at the

Company's Office.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES.

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL—Parade Service at

8 a.m. (Holy Communion 2nd and 4th Sun-

days). Mass at 11. Holy Communion at the

11 o'clock service on the 1st, 3rd, and 5th Sun-

days in the month. Evening at 5.45.

UNION CHURCH, Kenneth Road—Minister

Rev. G. J. Williams.—Services at 11.00 a.m.

and 4 p.m.

ROMAN CATHOLIC CATHEDRAL—Sundays and

Festival Days of Obligation, Mass, 7.30 a.m.

and 9.30 a.m. Way Day, Mass, 6 a.m.

and 9.30 a.m. Benediction, on Jan. 26,

5.30 p.m. May 1, Aug. 6.

St. Peter's CHURCH (Garden Road)—Mass,

with Sermons in English, at 9 a.m. on Sundays

and Festival Days of Obligation.

St. Francis' CHURCH (Wanchai).—6.30 a.m.,

Mass, with Sermon in Chinese, 7.30 a.m.,

Mass, with Sermon in Portuguese. Benedic-

tion, 5 p.m.

ST. ANTHONY CHURCH (West Point).—Sun-

days, Mass and Benediction at 8 a.m. Feast of

Obligation, 7.30 a.m.

ST. PETER'S SEAMEN'S CHURCH, Salomon

Home.—Services on Sunday, at 11 a.m.

and 3.30 p.m. on the 1st and 3rd Sunday in the month at 11 a.m.; on the 2nd and 4th at 7.3

That it is generally understood the Plaintiff's conditions were brought about by the unconscious co-operation, or want of action, on the part of the Government, the landlords, and the tenants.

That the Government naturally hesitates to say there was any fault on its part, and as the tenants are not yet educated up to sanitary science, the easiest way is to throw the responsibility upon the landlords, who earn the profits out of the tenancy.

That I think the Government and the landlords are both wrong—the one in seeking to impose responsibility, and the other in endeavouring to escape all obligation.

That it may be taken as an axiom that it is the duty of a tenant to maintain a wholesome habitable tenement in a wholesome and habitable condition (in a sanitary sense) so far as in him lies.

That it may also be accepted as a fact that the landlord must acknowledge some obligation in the possession of property beyond the mere collection of rents.

That it is also clear to every one the Government must see to it that property in houses shall be regulated so as to save the body politic from epidemics.

That it is therefore clear at the sun at noonday that the responsibility for any accumulation of Plague or epidemic conditions must rest upon landlords, tenants, and the Government alike.

Now the tenants have to pay the landlord, and so far as I can see, the Government (that is, the ratepayers) have also to pay the landlord when anything untoward happens.

That the Government have to balance, as far as it can, the desirability of encroaching property-holders and of maintaining the sanitary conditions of the Colony. That to my mind some compromise should be arranged whereby the tenant and the landlord shall be made to work together in the general interest of sanitation.

That in any such arrangement the Government must be the arbiters and supervisors, to see that the general health is safeguarded.

Now any system of farming out blocks of native houses must necessarily be a risk which belongs to the landlord; as that system has done more to invite the Plague than anything else, hitherto—ever officially alleged.

That any attempt to throw the whole of the responsibility upon one party—tenant, landlord, or Government—will, to my mind, be not only unjust, but foolish, as there are always better than one way.

That I hear the plague-taken houses outside Tsimshing area are to be taken over by their owners, on application to Mr F. H. May.

That much fuss has been made by certain parties over this matter, and many of the houses have been left vacant on the ground that compensation was expected, while others have been in occupation for months by owners who had done what was wanted.

That whatever may be the final issue of this sub-section of the Plague dispute, I cannot but command the action of these owners who took possession after having made the improvements asked, and left the matter of compensation (if any) to the Government.

That something must have gone wrong with the informal arrangements of the Unofficial Members of Council with the Government, as opinions seem to differ about the promises made.

That trouble of that kind often arises under similar circumstances.

That there seems to be a very vague idea as to what was agreed upon as to the projected death of the Sanitary Board—as to who desired to kill it, who didn't care to kill it, and why it should be killed at all.

That to judge by the legislation passed during the last few weeks, it appears the Sanitary Board is, and is likely to be, very much alive.

That this is as it should be—only we shall not forget the premeditated attempt to kill.

That it is still as difficult as ever to forecast events in the North.

That some people who ought to know think the lull is caused partly by King Frost, and partly by the hope of a peaceful settlement.

That the belief seems to be gaining ground that Japan could get terms now quite as adequate as she could obtain hence.

That the new Army Corps which hastens to start from Hiroshima is possibly one of the trump cards which is held by the Japanese in this Oriental game of diplomacy.

That the Japanese have delayed so long since the capture of Port Arthur that one cannot but conclude that both sides are anxious for a settlement.

That a peace will be welcomed by every foreign resident of the Far East, except perhaps by those who have been dabbling in arms.

That I have steadfastly objected to the indiscriminate application of legislation to foreigners and Chinese alike, whether it suited the conditions and circumstances of this Colony or not.

That the inapplicability of the Morphine Ordinances in some respects to qualified European chemists has been referred to on previous occasions.

That the application of the law in a recent case may or may not be regarded as a happy state of things.

That a canou can purchase as much opium as would kill a household, but the moment it becomes morphine the law fixes upon it, even though its sale is hedged round with many precautions.

That the bear in the one eye does not appear so large as the bear in the other eye.

That the subsequent proceedings will be watched by all with interest.

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THE ODD VOLUMES.

DISCUSSION ON THE LIQUOR TRAFFIC.

Last night a well-attended Meeting of this Society was held at the Rooms, Bank Buildings, when Mr W. E. Crow, Government Analyst, opened a debate on the subject of The Regulation of the Liquor Traffic in Hongkong. Captain Hastings, R. N., presided.

Mr Crow dealt with the subject in a masterly and comprehensive manner, giving particulars also of what had been the result of Parliamentary enquires in England. The speaker divided the spirits sold in the Colony into two parts, viz., those used by the Chinese and those used by Europeans, the latter being further subdivided into liquors imported into and those manufactured in the Colony. The various processes adopted in Scotland and Ireland for distilling from malted and unmalted grain were described and the cost given as from 1/- to 1/5d. per gallon, whilst the cost of continental spirits was as low from 5d. to 1d. per gallon. Specimen bottles were exhibited, of brandy and whisky which had been bought at 30 and 45 cents each respectively, and which but for the small could not be detected as different from good spirits since such distinction is not possible by any known means in the laboratory and certainly not with such accuracy as is required to meet the conditions of the Spirit Ordinance, No. 21 of 1886, notwithstanding the very serious auspicious attending such sales.

The discussion was carried on by a number of the members present, one speaker, in the course of some interesting remarks, going so far as to say that, although it was known that spirit was evolved from almost anything, it might not be generally known that in America spirit was prepared from old clothes!

At the close of the debate the following motion proposed by Mr Crow, was unanimously agreed to:—"That in the opinion of this meeting the question of the character and quality of the Alcoholic liquors imported into and manufactured by this Colony and ultimately distributed by retail vendors in one demanding the most serious consideration of everyone having the public welfare at heart, and on the motion of De Castic it was also resolved 'That the importation of spirit should be taxed and the traffic directly controlled by Government.'

Cordial votes of thanks to the Lecturer and chairman concluded the proceedings.

The Secretaries announced the issue of the first number of the Society's Journal 'The Bookplate.'

MISSIONS TO SEAMEN.

ANNUAL TEA MEETING.

The annual tea meeting in connection with St. Peter's Church (Missions to Seamen) was held in the reading room of the Sailors' Home last night. Bishop Burton presided over a very large assemblage.

After an enjoyable tea, provided by the ladies who associate themselves so intimately with the work of the mission in Hongkong, an excellent musical programme, interspersed with speeches, was negotiated. Mrs Alford sang with her usual expressiveness and her rendering of "Home, Sweet Home" appealed to the sympathies of all present.

The mandolin and guitar duet of Messrs Tillie and Bourne (of the 'Empress of China') were much enjoyed. They played 'British Patrol' and 'A che so morte' from 'Il Trovatore.' The carols were well sung by an efficient choir.

In the course of his remarks, Bishop Burton, praised the Rev. Mr Goldsmith for the work he had been able to accomplish during the period he had been associated with the mission in Hongkong. He would be missed during his absence on a well-earned holiday. He mentioned that Captain McLeod (of H. M. S. 'Gibraltar') had elected to come back to the Far East in preference to going to South Africa as he had the choice of doing, and he was certain many friends in Hongkong were delighted to welcome him amongst them again.

The following was the programme:—

Prayer, Chaplin. "Home, Sweet Home" Bells. Chairman, His Honor, Mr. B. C. M. Firth. Report, Mr. Edward Macleod. Captain, Captain F. R. N. Maudlin. Mandolin and Guitar, Messrs Bourne and Tillie. Carol. "A che so morte" from 'Il Trovatore.' Carol. "The Shepherd went his hasty way" Choir. Captain, Mr. Macleod. R. N. Carol. "Home, Sweet Home" Mrs. Alford. Carol. "The Winter's Tale" of Summer. Carol. "Home, Sweet Home" Carol. "O'erward Christian Soldiers" Benediction.

Prayers of our friends for these faithful servants of God.

THE NEW BRANCH INSTITUTE AT KOWLOON HAS BEEN COMMENCED.

On Dec. 21st (St. Thomas's Day) a Memorial Stone was laid by Mrs Boys. The scaffolding poles were gay with bunting, and a bright sun lent a brilliant effect to the scene. A short service was read by the Chaplain. The Right Rev. Bishop Burton focused up a special prayer, and a short address. Among the visitors present were Commodore Boys, R. N., and Lieut.-Colonel Stewart, R. N. The sum of \$196 was collected towards the \$100 still required.

His Lordship, in delivering judgment, said—In this case the plaintiff sued originally for \$50.36. That sum was made up of various items, including one of \$51.40 for interest; but the claim was afterwards reduced as there had been some misunderstanding as to the agreement between the defendant and Mouttrie.

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